

- Chalmers-Hunt, J. M., 1960-1981. *The Butterflies and Moths of Kent*, Vols. 1 & 2, Arbroath & London, 1970. The Butterflies and Moths of the Isle of Man. *Trans. Soc. Brit. Ent.*, **19**(1): 1-170.
- Duddington, J. and Johnson, R., 1983. *The Butterflies and Larger Moths of Lincolnshire*.
- Evans, L. and K., 1973. *A Survey of the Macro-Lepidoptera of Croydon and N. E. Surrey*.
- Goater, B., 1974. *The Butterflies and Moths of Hampshire*.
- Heath, J. ed., 1979. *The Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland*. Vol. 9.
- Kettlewell, B., 1973. *The Evolution of Melanism*.
- Lorimer, R. I., 1983. *The Lepidoptera of the Orkney Islands*.
- Newman, E., 1874. *The Natural History of British Moths*.
- Newman, L. W. and Leeds, H. A., 1913. *Textbook of British Butterflies and Moths*.
- Skinner, B., 1984. *The Moths of the British Isles (Macrolepidoptera)*.
- South, R., 1907. *The Moths of the British Isles*.

---

---

TRIFURCULA BEIRNEI PUPLESIS, 1984 (*PALLIDELLA* SENSU AUCTT.) (LEP., NEPTICULIDAE) IN SOUTH HAMPSHIRE. — Recently Mr. S. N. A. Jacobs gave me a box of unidentified Nepticulidae which included a few taken by the late W. Fassnidge. Amongst the latter was a specimen of *T. beirnei* captured at Southampton on the 20th of August 1935. This seems to be the most recent British record. The species used to be taken, sometimes plentifully, in VCs 9, 14, 20, 36, 60 and 69 at the end of the last and in the first decade of the present century, but I know of no other subsequent record. "Southampton" is probably to be interpreted as the district rather than the city itself.

The life history is unknown, but the moth frequents grassy places where dyer's greenweed (*Genista tinctoria*) is growing. It occurs in late August and early September, and after a dusk flight rests quite conspicuously on the herbage.

The British population was misidentified as belonging to *T. pallidella* Zeller, 1845, which is an eastern European species. Puplesis bestowed the current name in honour of B. P. Beirne who is the author of *The male genitalia of the British Stigmelidae* (1945).

In spite of the lack of records, the species probably still occurs in Britain, and I would like to learn of any recent observations A. M. EMMET, Labrey Cottage, Victoria Gardens, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 2AF.